(b) if so, whether Government are going to entertain the claim; and

(c) the price for which the company was disinvested?

THE MINISTER OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Financial bids had been invited in February 2002 on the basis of the audited accounts of Paradeep Phosphates Limited (PPL) as on 31.3.2001 .The Share Purchase Agreement signed with M/s Zuari Maroc Phosphates Pvt. Ltd. (ZMPPL) on 28.2.2002 *inter-alia* provides for post-closure adjustment to cover changes in the Company's Net Asset amount between 31.3.2001 and the closing date. Since the Company continued to incur losses during the period 31.3.2001 to 28.2.2002, ZMPPL has filed the claim. The Department of Fertilizers is scrutinizing the claim.

(c) The Government has divested its 74% equity held in RPL to ZMPPL for Rs. 151.70 crores.

Synthetic milk

2546. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH:
SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "No check on sale of synthetic milk in Ghaziabad areas", which appeared in the Hindustan Times, dated the 26th October, 2002;

(b) whether out of 14 cases where adulterated milk was found, no FIR has been lodged and out of 131 samples collected in the year 2000 only 82 samples have been taken, so far, in this year;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken to curb the malpractice of synthetic milk throughout the country?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WEFLARE (SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA): (a) The samples are being collected from time to time and raids are also conducted as and when necessary. Total milk samples collected from January 2002 to November 2002 is 91.

(b) and (c) In the year 2002,131 samples of milk were collected and all samples were analysed. Out of 131 samples, 48 were found adulterated. In all these 48 samples, cases have been filed in the Court of Ghaziabad.

(d) In order to curb the malpractice of synthetic milk in Ghaziabad district, samples of milk are regularly drawn and tested and necessary action are also taken under PFA Act/Rules.

HIV affected women

2547. SHRI R. SHUNMUGASUNDARAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an increase by 2 per cent within two months of women afflicted with HIV in Delhi, as reported in the Times of India, New Delhi, dated the 3rd September, 2002;

(b) the percentage of women with HIV in the country;

(c) the figures in the major metros; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to check the increase?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA): (a) No, Sir. There is no evidence to suggest that there is 2% increase in the numbers of women affected with the HIV virus in Delhi, over 2 months as reported. The HIV Sentinel surveillance data collected from pregnant women attending antenatal clinics in Delhi during 2001 round showed that HIV prevalence in these women was 0.13% as compared to 0.10% in 2000.

(b) the HIV prevalence rate among women in 15-49 years age group is 0.78% in 2001 as compared to 0.74% in year 2000.

(c) The HIV Prevalence in women attending antenatal clinics in metropolitan cities of India is as follows:

Mumbai	2.25%
Chennai	1.13%
Kolkata	0.13%
Delhi	0.13%
Hyderabad	0.5%
Bangalore	2.0%